GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:536
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RURAL INFLUX
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural influx is the main cause of Delhi`s decay;

(b) if so, whether a study by PHD Chambers ofCommerce and Industry has revealed that over 70 per cent of the population lives in the sub-standard habitats in Delhi;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to provide better shelters to them;

(d) whether the housing target during the last three decades, since 1961-91 has not been achieved;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any perspective plan from 2001 onwards to provide better houses, clean water to the residents of Delhi in a planned manner; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA'S STARREDQUESTION NO.536 FOR 24.4.2001 REGARDING RURAL INFLUX.

(a): One of the reasons for the significant increase in population of Delhi and resultant pressure on urban infrastructure of Delhi is due to migration from rural areas.

(b): The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in aConference on `Delhi- Past and the Future` held on 31.1.2001 circulateda Background Paper in which mention was made that over 70 per cent ofpopulation are estimated to be living in sub-standard habitats, i.e. jhuggi clusters, slum areas, designated resettlement colonies, unauthorised regulated colonies and urban villages.

(c)to(e): Housing requirements of Delhi are met through combined efforts of housing agencies, cooperative societies, Slum Department of MCD, Government of NCT of Delhi, local bodies andndividuals. As per MPD-2001, the population of Delhiin the year 2001 is projected to be in the vicinity of 128 lakhs. Construction of total of 97,000 dwelling units per year has also been projected for 1996-2001. Till date, about 10.77 lakhs housing units have been generated by DDA`sschemes, which include about 2.89 lakh units built by DDA itself under various schemes. Another about 19,900 dwelling units are under construction by the DDA.

Inspite of all these efforts, the shortage of housing units in Delhi persists, mainly due to the following reasons:

(i) the growth of population including migration from neighbouring States resulting in high demand for housing.

(ii) shortage of availability of urban land in Delhi.

(iii) shortage of services specially power and water supply.

(f): A Perspective Plan/Master Plan for Delhi-2021 is in the initial stage of preparation.

(g): To deliberate and recommend on various functional aspects, 13 sub-Groups have been formed with eminent persons, expert professionals, representatives of concerned Government departments, NGOs, etc. as its members.